## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## GALVESTON DIVISION

FRANK SAGER	§	
	§	
V.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. G-11-140
	§	
ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY	§	

## **OPINION AND ORDER**

It is well-settled and beyond peradventure that Plaintiff is not entitled to a jury trial under either the Seventh Amendment, <u>Lehman v. Nakshian</u>, 453 U.S. 156, 160 (1981), or the National Flood Insurance Act, <u>Sandia Oil Co., Inc. v. Beckton, Director FEMA</u>, 889 F.2d 258, 262 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989), in a claims handling dispute against a WYO carrier with the National Flood Insurance Program acting in its capacity as a fiscal agent of the United States and the equivalent of FEMA itself, <u>Van Holt v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.</u>, 163 F.3d 161, 166 (3<sup>d</sup> Cir. 1998).

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's jury demand, insofar as it seeks a jury trial against Defendant, <u>Allstate Insurance Company</u>, is **VACATED**.

**DONE** at Galveston, Texas, this 31st day of May, 2012.

John R. Froeschner

United States Magistrate Judge